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## **RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to the election/restriction requirement dated December 23, 2004. The Examiner is requiring an election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-4 and 11, drawn to a contacting component.
- II. Claim 5-10, drawn to a method for manufacturing a contacting component.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute Group I Claims 1-4 and 11, and reserves the right to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims (Claims 5-10) at a later date.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants believe no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2606.

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